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They believed that every man would live eternally in the other world If only his surviving friends did for his body what the gods had done for the body of Osiris. Hence the pledge ceremonies observed by the Egyptians over the dead were an exact copy of those which Anubis, Horus, and the rest had performed over the dead god. "At every burial there was enacted a representation of the divine mystery which had been performed of old over Osiris, when his son, his sisters, his friends were gathered round his mangled remains and succeeded by their spells and manipulations in converting his broken body into the first mummy, which they afterwards reanimated and furnished with the means of entering on a new Individual life beyond the grave. The mummy of the deceased was Osiris ; the professional female mourners were his two sisters Isis and Nephthys ; Anubis, Horus, all the gods of the Osirian legend gathered about the corpse," In this solemn drama of death and resurrection the principal part was played by the celebrant, who represented Horus the son of the dead and resuscitated Osiris.<sup>1</sup> He formally opened the eyes and mouth of the dead man by rubbing or pretending to rub them four times with the bleeding heart and thigh of a sacrificed bull ; after which a pretence was made of actually opening the mouth of the mummy or of the statue with certain instruments specially reserved for the purpose, Geese and gazelles were also sacrificed by being decapitated ;

they were supposed to represent the enemies of Osiris, who after the murder of the divine man had sought to evade the righteous punishment of their crime but had been detected and beheaded.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> G. Maspero, "Le rituel du sacrifice funéraire," *Jztudcs de Mythologie Resurrection* ^ i. 66 et d'Arch t^o logic Egyptiennes (Paris, 1893-1912), i. 291 sq. Moret, *Du Caractire religie-ix de la Roy an t^ Pharaonique* (Paris, 1902), p. 312 ; *id.*, *A'rngs and Gods of Egypt der alien Agypter*, pp. 123 sqq. ; *id.*, 1912), pp. 91 sqq. ; *id.*, *My stores Egyptians* (Paris, 1913), pp. 37 sqq. "In one of the ceremonies of the 'Opening of the Mouth' the deceased was temporarily